

Post Notes

September, 2019

Edwards-Foye



A.L. Post 534

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Commander's Corner



Greetings Comrades!
Fall is coming, Sep. 23rd to be exact! Enjoy the warm weather while you can. More on this at the end of my column.

With the changes in leadership this summer, the Post's annual Building Fund Raffle was cancelled for August

10th. We all thank Mike Larson for his work over the years for making this event a success! Going forward...we have changed the format a bit and moved the date of the raffle to Saturday, Oct 5. The cost of tickets has been lowered to \$25. The prizes have changed to \$1,500.00 for first place and \$3,000.00 for the total payout. Every 10th number drawn wins at least \$50! In addition, we'll have a silent auction, some can raffles, 50/50 draws, and more! There will be tasty hors d'oeuvres, a buffet meal from the Maple Tree, and a cash bar. This promises to be a FUN event for everyone!! The Building/Maintenance Fund needs your support. There are many projects that need our attention, several before the snow flies. Tickets are on sale now. Contact any Officer or inquire at the lounge. Can you sponsor a raffle or door prize? Please contact 2nd Vice Commander Kyle Weber at 319-493-8080 or Auxiliary member Laurie Downs at

608-206-9170.

The transition from summer to fall is a beautiful and invigorating time of the year. Get outside and enjoy!! There are some very important dates to remember in September. Patriot Day is Wednesday Sep 11th. Please fly your flag at half-mast as a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001. Monday Sept 16th is the 100 Anniversary of the Congressional Charter of the American Legion. Tuesday Sep 17th is Constitution Day. Friday September 20th is POW/MIA Recognition Day. September is also Emergency Preparedness Month!

Please feel free to contact me with ideas, questions or concerns.

Tom Downs
Commander

From the Chaplain



Your words have power. Make sure you thank a member for working at a function at the post.

How do you treat people that can't do anything for you? Spend 15 minutes a day learning something new. Read a book, use the internet or watch a TV show that expands your skills. Listen to people who are doing better than you. God will open doors. You must do

your part. Write down a specific growth plan for yourself for a year from now.

When you are planning/writing your will, or if a loved one dies, please remember American Legion Post 534. Your memorial gift is a beautiful way to help out, no matter how small or large a gift. For tax purposes, we are a 501C19 organization.

Each Legionnaire should be alert to the physical and spiritual needs of his/her comrades. As Chaplain, I seek to minister to people wherever there is a need. Please notify me when there is a death, illness or special concern in the membership.

God is the source of all rights and privileges. God has a great future in store for you. Dream BIG and put actions behind them. Start your day with God.

Free anonymous counseling: Text 741-741 or call 1-800-273-8255 (Press 1) Veterans Crises hot line.

Thank you for your service!

Chaplain Dale
608-395-5942

Email: dalevs5906@yahoo.com

P.S.: Good news, your sins are forgiven, you are going to Heaven. God is with you. You are never alone.

Challenge: Recruit one new member. Our website and Facebook page have all the information a new member may ask. We also have pamphlets in the lounge with current information. You can give a name and phone number to an officer and we will make the contact.

Membership



Autumn fast approaches here in McFarland. Please know that if you anticipate having difficulties paying your energy bills this coming winter, you should call Heat for Heroes at 1-800-891-9276. They will work with you to determine if you are eligible for

assistance with your energy costs. They do not have unlimited funds, so the sooner you contact them the

better the position you will be in when winter approaches. If you are at risk of becoming homeless, please contact the appropriate department at the Madison VA at 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838).

If you have not yet paid your 2020 dues to the Post, please mail or drop off your dues to the Post as soon as possible. We still have roughly 50% of the membership that has not paid their dues. If you have the internet, the easiest way to renew your membership is by visiting www.members.legion.org/Renew

If you are tired of having to remember to pay your dues each year, you can also use the Legion website to see the cost of becoming a prestigious Paid-Up for Life member. The price is based on the member's age, so I can't say here how much it will cost as a blanket statement. If you paid for your membership for this year during the 2018-2019 year, but have not yet received your membership card, please send me an email or drop a note in my mailbox in the Post and I will make sure everything gets straightened out.

Finally, if you have not yet contributed to the mural for The Wall of Fallen Heroes, please consider dropping off a donation at the bar or at the next general meeting. Thanks again to local artist, Mark Kerttula for his outstanding work on this memorial.

Very Respectfully,
Michael "Mick" Shumway
Pikepride2000@yahoo.com
608-843-7453

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If you have requested the Post Notes by email and have not been receiving them, please send your preferred email address to Shumway@uwalumni.com

Please have your October articles to me by Wednesday, September 18.
Thanks, Sharon

Auxiliary News



Just want to say Happy Labor Day to everyone. I hope you made a lot of great summer memories. Please remember that immediately following our Monday picnics and cookouts, comes the **1st**

day of school for all Wisconsin schools. Please be mindful of kids walking and riding bikes to and from school. Pay attention to ALL the crossing guards (shout-out to Ms. Kathy) out there protecting our loved ones.

The old Legion Steak & Chicken Maintenance Raffle has been rescheduled to October 5th. The food will be catered by the Maple Tree and there will be a new Prize structure. Ticket cost is \$25. Only 200 tickets will be sold. If you want a ticket, get with Legion, Auxiliary and SAL officers. They are available at the lounge.

The Auxiliary has a busy couple of months coming up. Mark your calendar:

August: We finished up the month with our cake & ice cream Salute to our Seniors.

Sept 2nd: Labor Day – many Legion Family members will be manning the Take-A-Vet Fishing Beer stands at the Taste of Madison. Come down and say Hello!

Sept 3rd: Auxiliary meeting night

Sept 8th: We have our delicious breakfast. This month we will be adding a raffle basket – six chances for a \$5. If you have a couple hours of free time, please give Carolyn Clow or me a call and we'll be glad to sign you up.

Sept 15th: SAL meat raffle

Oct 1st: Auxiliary meeting night

Oct 5: Legion Raffle Night

We still have poppies to distribute. If you have some time to spare, please sign up at the Post on the bulletin board or give me a shout. All funds collected will be used to support veterans rehab functions.

Karen Larson is taking dues payments for 2020.

Your current membership card is good until December 31, 2019. If you are a snowbird please pay your dues now so you can take your card with you.

Effective September 1, 2019, Laurie Downs and Linda Coon will be co-chairmen of the funeral and Celebration of Life events. Joann Fuchs has volunteered to fill the Senior Out-Reach position. Thank-you for stepping up.

If anyone has a topic they would like discussed at the meeting, please contact me by Thursday before the meeting to have the topic added to our agenda..

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the September 3rd meeting.

Jodie Armstrong

Auxiliary 534 President



Sick Call – Prayer List

John Guler, Bill Peters, Dick Becker, Mackenzie Schoeller (Bob & Sue Hargraves granddaughter), Dale Everett, Tom Welch, Ryan Welch, James Rossa, Donald Germain, Wally Webber, John Zaemisch and Jack Brandt

Please notify the following Legion members for sympathy or get well cards:

Legion Chaplain – Dale Sankey (608-395-5942)

Auxiliary Chaplain – Carolyn Clow (608-843-1740)

S.A.L. Chaplain – Paul Roelke

Sunshine Person – Sue Wipperfurth (608-535-0495)

S.A.L. Corner

Hello Fellow SAL,



Summer is almost over! Go out and enjoy what's left with family and friends.

I want to give a huge thank you to all that attend the monthly meat raffles. They are growing and becoming something to look forward to every month.

I am proud to say that we have a strong crew of officers that stand proud for the SONS every month running the meat raffles and building the membership.

We have 116 members on paper this month of which 16 are unpaid. We also have 8 new members, great job officers! I urge any unpaid members to get down and pay your dues.

I will be announcing the date of the annual Swiss Steak dinner in the next newsletter, but rest assured, we will be having it. We will be looking for members to volunteer to help that night.

Remember that our meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm, and I would like to see you there.

MEAT RAFFLES 3RD SUNDAY 2PM

Go out and lend a helping hand to someone in need!

SAL Commander
Joe Larson

From the Lounge

August was a great month, thanks to all of you.

September will be busy with Packer and Badger games starting up. Come down, watch the games with us and if you wish, you can bring a treat or dish to pass.

Sue Wipperfurth

2019 Golf Outing

The summer came and went again!! The 4th Annual Auxiliary Golf Outing was another great success. Due to not having meetings in July, this letter is late getting out. I would like to thank ALL involved in volunteering their time to make it a wonderful success. This year's proceeds are going to the UW Children's Hospital and Veteran's Suicide Prevention. At this time, we are not sure which month the 5th Annual for next year will fall on. Until then, thanks you again and we look forward to seeing you all next year. Denny Haugen, you won't be able to sign up again for at least 8 months!! LOL. 😊

Kelly Vinge

RIDERS NEEDED

**Legion.....Auxiliary.....SAL
FAMILY FEST PARADE**

September 22, 11 am, at Post

Steps will be provided to get on the truck.

Sign up at the post lounge or call Dale Sankey at 608-395-5942. You can also walk the parade in uniform behind the truck.

News Alert

All veterans since December, 1941 are now eligible to join the American Legion Post 534 in McFarland. Call 608-838-3249.

Help Wanted:

Someone to keep the outside of the building clean, to keep the hill weed free and monuments clean. You don't have to do all the work yourself. Monitor and let an officer know when you need help. We also need color guard and firing squad members. Contact any officer for more information.

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FAMILY HARDSHIP GRANT POLICY

This policy is designed to help any Legion, Auxiliary, or S.A.L. member experiencing financial hardship. The type of hardship may be caused by the loss of a job, health and hospital issues or an unforeseen major expense.

The grant amount is a max of \$500. You or someone else may submit a grant request on your behalf. Forms will be available in the document information center at the Post, or from your Chaplain. Everything is kept strictly confidential.

If you know of someone in need, complete a request form and give it to one of the following committee members: Post Chaplain, Auxiliary Chaplain, S.A.L. Chaplain, Post Finance Officer, Committee Chair currently Rob Blanchar.



American Legion #534 Breakfast Burma Rd, McFarland

Sponsored by Unit 534 Auxiliary

All You Can Eat!

Bacon, Sausages, Scrambled Eggs, French-Toast,
Pancakes (*from Luke's Café*)

HOMEMADE Sausage Gravy with Biscuits,
Juice, Coffee & Milk

**Sunday-Sept 8, 2019
8 am -12 Noon**



Kids 2 and under free, Kids 3 - 12 years old - \$4.00
13 years of age and up - **\$8.00**

Bring/Join Family and Friends for a wonderful breakfast

BEST BREAKFAST SERVED IN MCFARLAND

Everyone Welcome



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Newsletter.....	Sharon Scallon

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SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Football 5-7 pm	2	3 Aux mtg 6:30 pm	4 SAL mtg 6 pm	5	6	7
8 Auxiliary Breakfast 8-12 Football 5-7 pm	9	10	11	12 Legion mtg 7 pm	13	14
15 SAL Meat Raffle, 2 pm Football 5-7 pm	16	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19	20	21 Rental Hall & Shelter
22 Football 5-7 pm	23	24	25	26 Exec Bd mtg 7 pm	27	28
29 Football 5-7 pm	30					

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